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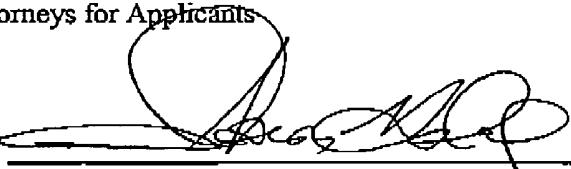
Upon review of the prosecution file for this application prior to payment of the Issue Fee, the undersigned attorney noticed a typographical error in the serial number for the first patent application listed under the heading entitled: CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION. The Preliminary Amendment lists the U.S. Application Serial No. as 08/988,137. The correct Serial No. is 08/998,137, as correctly recorded in the Filing Receipt mailed by the Patent Office on July 31, 2001. Since the said application (i.e., 08/998,137) has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,319,670, Applicants have also added the phrase "now U.S. Patent No. 6,319,670" for clarity of reference.

Moreover, since during prosecution priority claims to the other applications listed in the section as amended via said Preliminary Amendment (and thus listed on said Filing Receipt) were not pursued, the replacement paragraph presented above only recites priority to said application 08/998,137.

No fee is believed due with this Amendment. If there are any fees found to be due, the Director is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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